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My dear Friend,

Your letter of the 15th is recd. and I will wait no longer for Mr Seavitt, who went into N. J. earlier than usual, & who will not be in the city before 22^d. There are some men always ready for active service, willing to do anything, possessing high & unyielding principles — in their own opinion & on superficial acquaintance, in the opinion of others — who yet are good for nothing. This is my ~~text~~ text or motto. F. J. is worth but little. As to our friend C. W. D. he is much superior, but good chiefly for an onset, and mainly unhelpful when guided constantly by others. He goes off, and comes down, like a rocket. St. Clair, when under the influence of his good spirit, (some of the ancient thoughts, you know, a man had two souls) is worth 20 of them. If St. C. and Mr Tommy had the lovely spirit indicated by the Oberlin Evangelist (I may as well include myself too) they would arouse the whole of Old Massachusetts.

I see that many editors & others, inclined to be friendly towards the new National Society, hold off. They seem to think we had a violent "rupture" when the separation took place, and that the two armies intend waging a fierce conflict. Let us disappoint them altogether. Will you set them right in the Ms. M.

I wish it said in yr paper that my letter to Dr Bailey, read at Massillon, was a private letter written at the solicitation of the Dr. Ms. S. states, but other papers do not.

Report n^o 2 in a day or two.
Benny & Stanton arrived out in 26 days, as H. B. S. writes June 2^d. They had a pleasant passage.

The Mr. A. has greatly improved.

Truly & affectionately yours
Lewis Tappan

Also true that numerous Edwards, Egs of Abbeville, da has been liberated after his slaves - 163. He took them to Cincinnati & there set them free. The laws of a state will permit it there. He is a strange man, aged 78. He is a native of Kentucky. The slaves would have hung it in the oven \$100,000. Oh my mother!

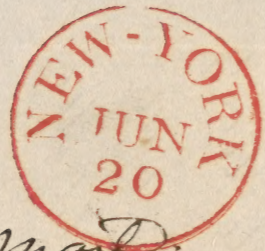
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